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[Despatch Abstract.]

Land (South Kanara) - Mangalore Taluk - Athavar Village - T.S. Nos. 25 etc., - Mangalore Ladies' Club - Terms of grant - Papers recorded.

I enjoyed my visit this morning to the Ladies' Club immensely. Judging by the charming entertainment there must be a lot of talent in Langalore and the friendly atmosphere of the Club made me feel at once. I congratulate the Committee very much and wish the Club every possible success..

May it please your ~~xxxxxxxx~~, Ladyship,

We are very grateful to your Ladyship for honouring the Mangalore Ladies' Club with a visit. This Club had in its infancy the deep sympathy of the wife of the then Head of our Province - Lady Willingdon. It is quite appropriate that in its adolescence it should be encouraged by your Ladyship, who is now the First Lady in the Madras Presidency. Ever since we moved to our present buildings in 1926, we have been developing one activity after another, designed to develope an all round culture among the ladies of Mangalore, without interfering with their home-life. We have given variety entertainments, fostering our musical and histrionic talent, and are perhaps the first Ladies' Club in the District to start tennis and bridge tournaments, in connection with which nine trailing cups are awarded annually - two of which your Ladyship has kindly consented to award to-day. While eschewing all political activities, we have shouldered our share of the burden of public life. Our members have been instrumental in raising large sums of money for the South Canara Flood Relief Fund, the Lady Goschen Hospital, and the Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund, and took a prominent part in raising money for the Royal Silver Jubilee. We started a Hospital Library Service, which has been going for the last two years, to enliven the sick in the various hospitals of Mangalore, while our members have gone round to the Sub Jail, the Women Asylum and the Hospitals to give fruits and sweets on every New Years' Day. In the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibitions, and the Flower Shows held in Mangalore, our members have taken a prominent part, and have won cups, medals and certificates. We have

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Madras,
13th December 1935

Dear Uzielli,

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I am to send you the enclosed statement regarding the Ladies' Club, Mangalore, and to say that His Excellency would be glad to have the requests contained in the last paragraph examined.

Yours sincerely.

C.P. 5713-F
16.12.35

H.R. Uzielli Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE MANGALORE LADIES' CLUB.

At public meetings held at Mangalore on the 29th November and 8th December 1919, it was resolved that a Ladies' Club be established, to fill an existing need. The formal opening by the then Collector, Mr. R.H.Ellis, I.C.S., took place on the 9th March 1920. At first, the members met on evenings in a small rented building at the foot of the Light House Hill. The desire for a permanent habitation for the Club found a sympathetic and ready response in Mr. Ellis on whose recommendation, a suitable site was granted by the Government of Lord Willingdon. The present fine building designed by an eminent architect of Ceylon was erected by public subscriptions in 1923. Lady Willingdon was one of the donors to the Club. This is the first Ladies' Club in the presidency to have a building of its own.

2 The Club which is cosmopolitan in its character is run on up-to-date lines and is open to women of all communities, creeds and shades of opinion. It is at once non-political and non-sectarian. It has a spacious hall sufficient for meetings and entertainments but the grounds which are used for open air functions and outdoor games are proving inadequate for the growing requirements. Apart of the grounds which were rocky and uneven have been levelled at heavy expense. Further levelling has to be done to provide a well, a better situated tennis court and more play-grounds. For this purpose and to round off the premises and also to secure privacy, a little more land at the south-east corner which is lying waste and is of no use to others, is required.

3 From time to time variety entertainments have been organised by the Club, providing a public amenity and fostering hisrionic and misical talent among the women of

Mangalore. The Club was the first women's institution to start tennis and bridge in this district. The tournaments held annually by the Club for these and other games have been increasingly popular and have given great impetus to games among women. The Club has received gifts for nine rolling cups for various games. A piano, a harmonium and a violin have also been gifted to the Club.

4 The Club has taken part in several public activities of the district. Most of the Baby Shows including the last one have been held in this Club and at each of them, clothes made by the members have been distributed to the babies. These shows ~~th~~ have been practically conducted by the Club. The members have been instrumental in raising large sums of money for the South Kanara Flood Relief Fund, the Lady Goschen Hospital and the recent rent Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund. The help rendered by the Club on the Royal Silver Jubilee Flag Day this year, when flags were sold in the open for the first time in Mangalore, was greatly appreciated.

5 The Hospital Library service which was started by the Club about two years ago has collected and distributed magazines, etc. to the Wenlock, Lady Goschen and Kankanady Hospitals throughout the year. Its members have gone round visiting the hospitals, Leper Asylum and the local Sub-Jail and handed to the inmates fruits and sweets on every New Year's Day.

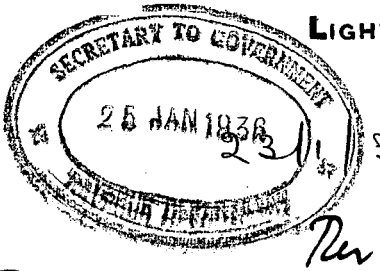
6 In all the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibitions and the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Shows held in Mangalore the Club and its members have taken active part and have won several cups, gold and silver medals and other certificates, thus contributing its share towards the advancement of the district.

7 The Club has also a library of its own which has been largely built up by voluntary gifts and is, we believe, the largest among the public libraries in Mangalore if not in the district and the largest public library for women in the Presidency. The Government has generously given to this library a grant this year for the first time. A laborious task cheerfully undertaken by some of the members of the Club, was the preparation of a catalogue of the books in the library.

8 The Club has been honoured by visits by the wives of successive Governors who have expressed their appreciation of the good work done by the Club.

9 The activities of the Club have been handicapped owing to the heavy ground rent of Rs. 118/- per annum. As the subscription for membership is Rs. 1/- per month and has to be utilised for the several social functions, ground rent, the purchase of periodicals and newspapers, payment of salaries of the staff, etc. the Club has very often to look for public aid to further its objects. The Club would be greatly relieved if Government would recognize the good work done by the Club and its wholehearted co-operation with Government in all public activities to reduce the rental to a nominal amount and also grant a small portion of land at the south eastern corner, the need for which has been already referred to.

LADIES' CLUB,
LIGHTHOUSE HILL,
MANGALORE.



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Dear Sir Charles,

I am enclosing herein a copy of our Annual Report for your kind acceptance

I take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done in connection with our Club ground rent

Yours sincerely
Lucy Sobhta
(Mrs M. S. Sobhta
Hony Secretary

MANGALORE LADIES' CLUB.

Report for the year ending 31st December 1935.

hh report of the Managing Committee for the year 1935 shows that the Club has progressed in various directions.

Membership - The year started with 62 resident and 18 non-resident members on its rolls and ended with 69 resident and 19 non-resident members.

Management - Mrs. Matilda Pais resigned as Vice-President as she had to be constantly away from Mangalore and Mrs. G. Neri already a committee member was elected in her place. The vacancy thus caused in the committee was filled by Mrs.N.Srinivas Rao. Mrs.G.F.Lobo, Mrs. Ursula Fernandes and Mrs.J.A.Aranha retired in favour of Mrs.Uggappa Shetty, Mrs.A.F.Coelho and Mrs. A.C. Mascarenhas. Mrs. A.Doraswami was elected a member of the committee in place of Mrs.G.M.Sargunar, B.A.,L.T. now on leave. The thanks of the Club are due to the outgoing members for the great interest they have taken during their tenure of office.

Finances - The Club accounts for the year opened with a balance of Rs. 416-3-7 and closed with a balance of Rs. 417-4-5. But for the Government grant of Rs.200/- donations of Rs. 15/- and sale proceeds of stall exhibits amounting to Rs. 72-13-0 the finances of the Club would have been in a difficult position. We hope, therefore, that Government will come to our help by exempting us from paying the annual ground rent and thus recognizing the good work done by the Club.

Personal - Begum Mir Amiruddin one of our distinguished members was unanimously elected President of the Dist-

rict Girl Guide Association. Her acceptance of the office, we are sure, will conduce greatly to the benefit of that Association. Mrs.D.Suresh Rao, the Hony.Secretary was a recipient of the Silver Jubilee Medal. She is the first lady in South Kanara District on whom an honour has been conferred by Government. She has been re-appointed Member of the University Extension Board, Mangalore, honorary lady visitor to the Mangalore Sub Jail and a Member of the District Secondary Education Board. Our congratulations to both of our members for the prominent part they are taking in public life.

Hospital Library Service - On New Year's Day the patients of the Wenlock, Lady Goschen and Kankanadi Hospitals and the inmates of the Sub Jail welcomed the arrival of the members of this Committee with their trays of fruits and sweets which they personally handed round. The movement is gaining strength and more enthusiasm was shown this year. The Club collected and distributed 426 magazines to the three hospitals. Our sincere thanks are due to our sympathetic Collector, Mr.S.L.Gawne, I.C.S., The Mangalore Municipal Council, the Editor, 'Navayuga', Mrs. G.Somasheker Rao, Mrs.N.Venkat Rao and the Saraswathi Printing Press for sending us their periodicals.

Gifts - During the course of the year the following donors presented rolling cups to the Club, Mrs.S.M.Syed Mohamed, wife of a leading Bathkal Merchant of Mangalore for badminton, Mrs.M. Basappa, Vice-President of Municipal Council, Mercara for tenniquoit in memory of his aunt the late Mrs. Doddamma, Mrs.B.Sitaram Rao, wife of the Proprietor of the Modern Hindu Hotels for bagatelle and Mrs. M.S.Suresh, the Hony.Secretary for chess. We tender our grateful thanks to all the donors for their handsome gifts.

The Club has also received two beautiful pictures painted by herself from Mrs.B.Anantha Rao, a tea set and valuable print from Mrs.N.Venkat Rao, a table mirror and two chairs from Mrs.P.R.Srinivasan. We have also received donations of Rs. 10/- from Mrs.Mathilda Pais and Rs. 5/- from the Codialbail Press. Our hearty thanks to them all.

Socials - On the occasion of the giving away of the Rajan of Rumand Cup and the Mrs.P.R.Rao Cups for tennis singles and doubles an At Home was held on the 28th March Mrs.Venkata Rao, wife of Rao Bahadur B.Venkata Rao, Retired District Judge, presided and gave away the Cups. The tournaments attracted a large number of members and was a great success. This was due in no small measure to Mrs.C.Neri who was in charge.

The Dr.Mrs.L.M.Peters Cup for Carrom and the Mrs.S.L.Syed Muhamad Cup for badminton and the Mrs.P.Siddamma Cup for tenniquoit were given away by Mrs.M.B.Shetty wife of the District Board President on the 29th May. The social held that day went off with a swing. Mrs. Shetty was very pleased with the interest taken by members in sports.

Mrs.C.Raghavan, wife of the Inspector of Excise had to leave Mangalore owing to transfer. She had been a member of the Club for over seven years. The members entertained her at the Club on the 14th July. In her reply she referred to the pleasant time she had at the Club.

Her Excellency Lady Marjorie Erskine's visit on the 15th October was looked forward with very great interest and the Club was tastefully decorated by the members themselves. Practically all the members of the Club were present at the group photo taken on the occasio

would show. Her Excellency gave away the Dewan Bahadur S.L.Mathias Cup for Bridge and Mrs.J.G.Hamilton Cup for Ping Pong to the winners of the tournaments. The musical programme arranged for the function was highly appreciated The impression left on Her Excellency can be fully realised by her remarks in the Visitors' Book given below and shows also how the Club is fulfilling the purpose for which it was started.

> I enjoyed my visit this morning to the Ladies' Club immensely. Judging by the charming entertainment there must be a lot of talent in Mangalore and the friendly atmosphere of the Club made me feel at home at once. I congratulate the Committee very much and wish the Club every possible success."

The 16th anniversary of the Club was celebrated as usual on the 29th November. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. deSouza, wife of Dr. F.X.deSouza, M.L.A. the first lady from Mangalore to visit England, to preside on the occasion. She was glad to observe the way so many communities commingled and congratulated the Club on its achievement. Before the members dispersed the Hony.Secretary expressed the regret of all at the departure the next day of Mrs.P.R.Srinivasan who had been a very enthusiastic member It is a matter of regret that owing to lack of time we could not arrange a separate function for her.

Royal Silver Jubilee Flag Day - 6th May - The members of the Club were well represented on the Committee and conducted the work in an able manner. This is the first time in the history of Mangalore when flags were sold in the open. A large collection was the result. The Club was lent for the purpose of a meeting of Flag sellers and the Collector Mr.L.A.Govne, I.C.S.who presided thanked all those who helped in the success of the sale. The Club was illuminated on the occasion.

Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund The Club members were responsible for a collection of nearly Rs. 2.000/- for the Viceroy's Fund on behalf of the Quetta Earthquake sufferers. This was due to the strenuous work of the members in this connection.

Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show - 29-30 September- As in previous years the Club took up a stall and this year was awarded a silver plate, the donor being the District Collector, Mr.A.M.Gawne, I.C.S. The members carried away several cups and prizes in the other sections.

Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition - 26-30th Dec. The exhibits sent in by members were awarded nine Gold medals and many other prizes in various sections. Our thanks are due to the members for their hearty co-operation in this useful work, where not only needle work but also pickles, preserves and other culinary preparations were exhibited, thus offering some encouragement to the various industries which are the exclusive province of women. We are grateful to the several gifts to the stall the sale proceeds of which were added to the Club Fund.

Games Our hearty congratulations to the winners of the several tournaments held during the year, Miss Mary Mathulaefor tennis singles, Misses Dorothy Pais and Mary Mathulla for tennis doubles, Miss H.Ramani Bai for Carrom, Miss Teresa D'Souza. M.A. for Badminton, Mrs. H.P.P.Rodrigues, B.A., L.T. for tenniquoit, Mrs.G.Neri for bridge, Mrs.Dorothy Pais for Ping Pong, Mrs.Sakuntala Balasubramanyam for Bagatelle and Mrs.G.Neri for Chess.

It will be noticed that the gifts of rolling cups already referred to, enabled the Club to hold five new tournaments this year - tennis, doubles, badminton, tenniquoit, bagatelle and chess. The tournaments are et-

tracting greater enthusiasm and thereby widening the usefulness of the Club.

Other Amenities - Considerable work has been done to make the Club grounds more useful. The ground in front of the Club building has been levelled and a seat cut along the boundary wall. Steps are being taken to have the ground levelled at the eastern end of the Club site for a permanent badminton court. These are heavy items of expenditure as the soil is hard laterite.

The Club has provided itself with an electric kettle, teapoy covers and a chess table. The want of a well is greatly felt. We hope that in the near future this need will be supplied.

Wedding Bells Miss Dorothy Pais now Mrs.John D'Sa was married on the 30th December and her wedding party was held at the Club. Mr.D'Sa confessed in his wedding speech that he first came to know of his bride from an account in the newspaper of her success in the tennis tournament at the Club. Mrs.Neri on behalf of the Club said that this was the first time the Club was lent to a member and she was glad to note that the function was on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of a very staunch supporter of the Club. On the same day the 30th December, another tennis member, Miss Dorothy Peters, Now Mrs.George C.Peters was married in far-off Kuala Lumpur. Our hearty congratulations to both the brides and we wish them every happiness in their new state of life.

Deaths - Mrs.G.P.Lobo passed away on the 6th November and thus the Club lost a very enthusiastic worker and sympathiser. She was till her last illness a member of the Managing Committee. Another sad loss to the Club was the death on 21st November of Mrs.M.S.Coelho who had

played a great part in the starting of the Club and who until the time of her death was one of its strongest supporters. We feel that the loss of these members is irreparable.

Library and Reading Room — The Government for the first time gave a grant of Rs. 200/- towards the library of this Club. This has been a great financial help to us and we are deeply grateful. A list of books in the library was prepared and published for the first time on theoccasion of Her Excellency Lady Marjorie Erskine's visit. A copy of the catalogue was presented to Her Excellency. We take this opportunity of thanking those members who prepared the list. We must not forgot to thank Mr.Gregory Menezes who did all the proof reading and saw to the printing of the catalogue.

The Sub-Assistant Inspectress who visited the Club made the following entry in the Visitors' Book. It speaks for itself.

> On 12-12-1935, I had the occasion of inspecting the Library attached to this Club. This is the first inspection of the Library, becoming subject to it by getting a grant of Rs.200/- from Government. I am glad to say that the enthusiastic Secretary (and) got ready most of the Register to be maintained by a Library aided by Government. Attempts have also been made to systematice the issue of books by drawing up a few rules for the guidance of those who use the Library.
> From the issue Register, I see that the Library caters to the needs of school going children too by providing them with kindergarten books and such other good reading. It is also equipped with periodicals and newspapers for the recreation of its membe.s. There is a Librarian in charge of it." * * * * * *".

The Club continues to subscribe to the Madras Mail, the Hindu Weekly, Modern Women, Health, Home Chat Farm and Fireside, the Indian Ladies Magazine, Weldon's Bazaar, Weldon's Practical Needle Work and the Times of India Weekly.

Visitors' Book - The first entry in the Visitors'

Book was that of the Lady Marjorie Erskine already referred to. There are also entries by the Hon'ble A.T. Pannirselvam, Home Member on the 25th November and the Hon'ble Sir A.V.Reddy, the Law Member, on the 9th Dec. The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur Pannirselvam says :-

> "The Club is ideally situated even for beautiful Mangalore and the amenities provided therein for all pleasant and recreating pursuits, not neglecting the library side, as evidenced by the library, are quite in keeping with the cultural lead which one would expect of Mangalore. I wish the Club every success".

Sir A.V.Reddy writes:-

> "South Kanara is a smiling country made more beautiful by the cultured ladies and this Ladies' Club is typical * * * * * * They have tennis class and other games. So far away from the Metropolis, they do not seem to yield a bit to their sisters in Madras. Surely we are advancing".

We cannot do better than conclude this report by quoting the remarks of Mrs.F.X.deSouza who states that -

> "A visit to the Mangalore Ladies' Club is very enlightening. It is an example of what women are capable of organizing on their own* * * I attended the annual function of the Club Day and had the pleasure of distributing the prizes. Accustomed to the amenities of Club life in Ladies' Clubs in Bombay and in Northern India I can say without hesitation that the Mangalore Ladies' Club is second to none in the facilities it provides for culture and recreation. It caters for all communities and in these days of communal tension it is pleasant to note the cordiality existing between the different castes and creeds.

name - D. Kanara - Mangalore taluk
Vide - T.S. Nos: 15 etc. in Mangalore

Mangalore Ladies Club also Mahila Sabha. (1917)
Ground rent: Annual Papers G.O. Rev 173 dt 29.5.63
The rival claim in the plea of being an Educational institution for and is basically a Club.
Conditions for each Club
Study the Files

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Thanking you

Yours

The papers relating to the Mangalore Ladies' Club and the Mahila Sabha, Mangalore are put up below.

The Mangalore Ladies' club was established in 1920. Vide G.O. No 2983 Rev dt 15.12.1920; and the grant was subject to the payment of ground rent. At present the club pays a rent of Rs 100 an acre and a proposal to reduce the rent payable by the club

was not accepted by the ~~Govt~~ Government. vide G.O 1738 Rev 29.9.33 (2)

As regards the Mahila Sabha, Mangalore, the original alienation was subject to the payment of ground rent at Rs 75 per acre which was reduced to Rs 25 per acre in G.O 256 Rev dt 19.1.1915 but later on it was exempted from the payment of ground rent. vide G.O. no 2428 Rev of 27.x.1919. vide G.O. at p 4 of G.O 3232 Rev 12.x.1917 (5) (4) vide p 16 of (X)

Attention is also solicited to the notes at pp 27-32 of G.O no 1738 Rev of 29.9.33. Of the Mangalore Ladies' Club is to be exempted from payment of ground rent as in the case of the Mahila Sabha, it is for orders whether the former ~~should~~ would be asked to agree to forego its advantage in the matter of compensation for buildings in the event of resumption as pointed out in the note at p 29 of G.O. 1738 Rev of 29.9.33. (2)

I. Mahila Sabha, Mangalore

In 1917 the Board of Revenue recommended the alienation in favour of the Mahila Sabha free of charge for the occupancy right but subject to the condition of payment of ground rent at Rs 25 per acre, of 1.20 acres of land in the village of Attavar in Mangalore to for use as the site of a building for the Sabha and as tennis and badminton courts

and a flower garden the Collector then reported as follows:—

The Mahila Sabha is a Ladies Association the members of which belong to the different Communities of Mangalore town. I learn that the main object is to promote education of women by arranging lectures on subjects useful to Indian women and by conducting classes on sewing, History, Sewing etc. It is intended specially for the benefit of grown up married women & widows who will not attend school."

Sir Alexander Cardew doubted whether the purpose could correctly be said to be a charitable purpose & stated that there was no reason for concession in regard to ground rent and that it was sufficient to give the land free. Orders were accordingly passed in G.O. No. 3232 Rev. Dy. 12.10.1917 sanctioning the alienation free of Charge for the occupancy rights but subject to the full ground rent of Rs. 75 per acre. On a petition from the Sabha for a reduction in the ground rent the Collector remarked as follows:

"The Sabha is not a mere recreation Club, but an institution of non-sectarian nature, the primary object of which to promote female education especially among married women & widows

who cannot be expected to attend school. No fees are charged by the Sabha. The object of the Sabha is therefore a purely Charitable one'

The Collector added that the ground was so uneven that it would have to be levelled at considerable cost before any building work could be commenced - The Bd of Revs recommended that the groundrent might be reduced to Rs 25 per acre — the rate originally proposed The Bds' proposal was accepted & the ground rent reduced to Rs 25 per acre in P. Proc 256 Revd 15.1.18

The Sabha requested that it might be exempted altogether from payment of groundrent. The question was again examined & it was considered that the alienation of land reserved could be described as an alienation for a public purpose — (vide note on p. 8 of P. Proc 2428 Revd 27. 10. 1919) & the request of the Club was granted. An announcement re: exemption from ground rent was made by H.E. Lady Willingdon when opening the building of Mahila Sabha. Vide Press Cutting on p 14

Ladies Club - Mangalore

In P.C.No. 1417 Res. of 23.6.1921, the sanctioned the grant of a tenancy-at-will respect of 1.18 acres of land in Attavar subject to the payment of ground rent payable at resettlement and subject also to a condition enabling the land to be resumed without cause shown on payment of the value of the buildings which might have been erected on the land by the club. In October 1927 the club requested that the ground rent might be reduced. It was decided to know whether the club was willing to exchange the existing title for an alienation of the land subject to the usual conditions of alienation and subject to the payment of ground rent at Rs 6.4.0 per acre payable at resettlement. The club agreed to have the land alienated but did not want to forego compensation for the building, as well ~~in the event~~ provided for in the tenancy-at-will in the event of the determination of the tenancy.

*The rate of ground rent at Rs 100 per acre was adopted

The Govt observed that if the ground on which a concession was claimed for Mahila Sabha were granted to Mangalore Ladies' Club was not an institution of the same type. They considered that if the club wished to have

the land free of ground rent or to have the ground rent reduced to a nominal sum, the ordinary condition of alienation should apply. The Govt were not prepared to alienate the land on the terms suggested. Perusal required of Mr Thorne's note on pp 26-27 of f. 1770 of 448 Rev of 11.3.33.

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In July 1933 Mrs. M.S. Sreshta wife of Mr Sreshta M.L.C) prayed for the reduction of the ground rent from Rs 100 per acre to Rs 12-8-0 per acre. The matter was discussed at length in the note to f. 1770 of 1938 Rev of 24.5.33 & the then Hon'ble Member (Sir Archibald Campbell) had also a talk with Mr & Mrs Sreshta & visited the Club. The Govt were not prepared to reduce the rent as desired by the Club.

vide p 11 of 9.0

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~~(1)~~ The note on p 1 of State that the Mahila Sabha which is stated to be a social an educational institution as well serves the purpose of a Club and that it prejudicially affects the interests of the Ladies Club. Attention is invited to f. 1770 of 3332 Rev of 12.10.17 ~~(2)~~ The land was alienated to Mahila Sabha for use as the site of a building & as tennis & badminton Courts & a flower garden & in a letter of 6.11.1917 Mrs N Subba Rao Secretary of the Sabha stated as follows: "The work of women in rural

work is being done by help a dozen honorary Lady workers. The members of the Sabha are not having any subscriptions but are giving their honorary service to spreading education among the women & also to residents of Hall in Municipal & Charitable Hospitals. The Lectures of Brahmin Courts are intended for the pupils of the workers.

There are no papers nor letters the exact state of affairs as alleged in the note is not clear. In order whether a report should be called for.

Please see A on p 29

(2) is this statement correct - If so the Sabha is not entitled to Compensation for buildings or Occupation

From cl. — ... of G.O. 3232 Rev. dt. 12.10.27 it would seem that Compensation was payable for buildings & Occupation.

Please see Secy's note on p 7 ante. The statement at A on p 29 of (Z) that the Sabha is not entitled to compensation for buildings on resumption is not correct. It is however submitted that according to Condition 2 (V) of the Conditions of grant in G.O. no 3232 Rev dy 12-X-1917 as amended by G.O. 256 Rev dy 19-1-1918 the compensation payable is restricted to buildings erected otherwise than in contravention of Condition (1) of the grant. } vide p 5 of (L)

In the case of the Bangalore Ladies club, there is no such restriction regarding the payment of compensation for buildings by the Govt. The club was also not willing to exchange its present title and have the land alienated to it subject to the usual conditions of alienation.

to building erected with permission. This is the usual provision

dy 13

vide p 11-12 of (A)

The Ladies club objected to the condition that on resumption the Govt may at their option direct the grantee to remove the buildings & to the condition that in the event of the grantee refusing to remove the buildings when taken so directed the Govt may remove them & realise the cost of removal by the sale of the materials

vide para 2 at pp 16-17 of G.O. 1859-Rev dy 11-8-28 (B)

The Govt have no such option in regard to the pp 16-17 of (B) Sabha buildings

dy 13/11.38

ladies' club was estimated by the Collector
1932 at Rs 10000 ...

... The Bellary Ladies
Club file also
may
grant lands
Club for a
fund.

To say

... The file relating to the Bellary Ladies' club is put up linked.

G.O. no. 426 Rev dy 21.2.1919 Sanctioning the grant to the Madura Ladies' club is also put up at fl (C). G.Os sanctioning the alienation of lands to the Coimbatore Ayiladhurai College Ladies' club, the Barathi Sahodari Sangam and the Ladies' Recreation club, Vellore are also put up

2-6 mm - fl 3 of (D)

G.O. 180 dy 26.1.32 (E)
G.O. 105/26.1.32 (D)
G.O 1092/4-25/20.6.33 (H) in L.F

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The grant to the Madura Ladies Club of a tenure-at-will in G.O.No.426 dated 21-2-1919 was subject to the payment of compensation for the value of buildings in the event of resumption. This practice has since been dropped. The present practice is to insert the usual provision that the Government may, at their option, require the grantee

to remove the buildings on resumption. Please see the G.Os. mentioned in the office note.

The draft licence for the Bellary Ladies Club in the linked file provides that no compensatic shall be payable for buildings etc., in the event of resumption, but the grantee may be given the option of removing the buildings, etc.

The ground rent payable by the Sabha was reduced and subsequently waived altogether on the ground that the Sabha was a purely charitable institution. Mr. Sreshta contends apparently, that it is not. The facts now stated by him may constitute a reason for withdrawing the concession granted to the Sabha, but it is difficult to see how they constitute a reason for granting any concession to the Mangalore Ladies Club.

The Government were willing in 1928 to alienate the land to the Mangalore Ladies Club subject to the payment of ground rent at Rs.6-4-0 an acre and subject to the usual conditions of alienation. (Presumably this offer still holds good). But the Club objected to the provision giving Government the option to direct the grantee to remove the buildings and the matter was dropped. It is not likely that the Club would accept alienation on the usual terms now. Presumably the assurance that compensation will be paid for buildings in the event of resumption is worth

more than a reduction of ground rent from Rs.100 per acre per annum to

The Mangalore Ladies' Club hold their land on a tenancy-at-will and pay Rs 100/- a year as ground rent. They are also entitled to compensation for ~~any~~ all buildings put up on the land in the event of resumption by Government.

They are thus unrestricted in what they do with the land and will receive compensation for all structures.

The Mahila Sabha on the other hand holds its site free, ~~and~~ but on resumption is only entitled to compensation for buildings which have been raised in accordance with the terms of the grant. There is thus some restriction upon ~~their~~ its activities.

The point made by U/S. in his note ~~xx~~ at A. on page 10 seems sound, but any alteration in the terms on which the Mahila Sabha held its site would not ~~directly~~ directly affect the Ladies' Club.

18.11.35

Please find out from C
(1) Whether the Mahila Sabha
(2) is conducted on the Charitable
lines on which it started (3) Relevant
particulars from page 2 Subscription.

To us

With reference to the note on p 11 ante a draft memo is submitted for approval

[Issued as memo no 5004 F/35-I dt 21-11-35] p 5 cf

[From the Collr of S. Kanara Rc ..-5489-35-D3-dt 35] pp 3-7 cf

O us

Please see the memo at p 5 cf and the Collr's reply at pp 6-7 cf. The Collr considers that the Mahila Sabha does not ~~[illegible]~~ for a charitable purpose any longer. Subscriptions are collected from resident members at the rate of 8 as and 4 as per month. Besides there is a separate subscription for games. The Collr states that the Mahila Sabha is of the same status as the Mangalore Ladies' Club.

para 3 at p 7 cf - new

vide p 2 of the report below

vide para 1 of Collr's letter at p 7 cf. p 10 of file

para 2 at p 7 cf

For orders:

The Sabha is not entitled to hold the ~~[illegible]~~ for ~~[illegible]~~ concert dances now reported ~~[illegible]~~ Club ~~[illegible]~~ could conduct the ~~[illegible]~~

The Sabha does not
dispute its exemption
The difficulty arises,
that the exemption granted
in Go. 2428 d 27.X.17 was
not subject to conditions
reserving the right of
Govt to withdraw it
or the Govt
now cancel it the
reduction ordered in Go 256
d 19.1.11 This cost of
question may have arisen
before
Govt the grant exemption
offend against the Govt
of India rules regarding
the alienation Land
Revenue assuming that
no land not
used for public purposes

To us

The original grant of the land
to the Kabila Sabha sanctioned in

G.O. no 3232 Rev dt 12-x-1917 was subject to the conditions providing for resumption of land in the event of infringement of the conditions of the The exemption from liability to ground rent was sanctioned in G.O. no 2628 Rev dt 27-x-1919 on the ground that the Sabha was a purely charitable institution. As it is now reported that the Sabha no longer exists for a charitable purpose the concession granted by the Govt can presumably be withdrawn. It is stated that cases similar to this are not rare

2. and reverse is generally alienated subject to the condition that the land shall be used for a ~~when the land is used for a~~ public purpose and ~~when~~ that assessment will be levied if any net income is derived from it In the case of the Mahila Sabha the collr has reported that the club saved Rs 1058 during the year 1933-34.

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49.0 1633 (C2)
19-7-35
vide also G.O dt 1918-2. kept in a bundle below.
No Cf.

3. Please see the representations from the Mangalore Ladies' club, since received at pp 8-14 Cf. The request of the Ladies' club is that (1) the ground rent of Rs 118 per annum which the club now pay should be reduced to a nominal amount and that (2) a sma

vide last para on p 111 C

portion of land at the South eastern Corner of the present Site should be granted to the club as the present Site is inadequat As regards the latter request as will be seen from portion marked A to the C/f. that the extent required is only 8 cents and that the club has alread applied for its alienation.

As regards the reduction of the amount of ground rent attention is solicited to underlined: ante at A on f 10 ~~If considered necessary, a report may be called for from the Collr in the matter~~.

Mahila Samaja Mangalore

The policy in regard to the alienation of Land revenue laid down in para 3 of the Govt of India letter no P 2 of P. Proc. 3526 Rev of 27. 11. 1911. The rule ~~is to be~~ that ~~waste~~ lands such as roads and sites of hospitals, dispensaries & schools & the like which yield no return ~~to no return~~ to private individuals or local bodies and are devoted to public purposes, may, so long as they are utilised for the purposes of the character indicated be exempted from assessment of land revenue.

The two conditions to be satisfied are that

(i) That the land is used for a public purpose &

(ii) That no income is derived from it

As regards (i) the term public purpose has not been defined by the Govt of India - In para 2 of P.O 3526 Rev dt 27.11.1911 they (Govt stated) that the term excluded such objects as the provision of town halls, clubs, parks, playing grounds fields & other objects which are calculated to benefit a section of the public rather than the public as a whole The present practice is however to view the term 'public purpose' in a broad sense & to apply it also to objects calculated to benefit even section of the public and not the public as a whole. Thus temples are, very frequently, given for mosques & churches.

As regards (ii). income has been interpreted as meaning 'net income'

Land was allotted to the Mahila Sabha free of charge on account of occupancy rights but subject to the payment of grow rent at Rs 75 per acre per annum - (G.O.Ms.No 3232 Rev dt 12.10.1917). The grow rent was subsequently reduced to Rs 25 per acre per annum (G.O.Ms. 256 Rev dt 19.1.1918)

Later on in G.O.No. 2428 Rev. dt 27.10.1919 the Govt were pleased to sanction the exemption from liability to ground rent of the land alienated to the Sabha. No conditions were however imposed as it was considered unnecessary to state in the G.O that the exemption would last so long as the conditions (i) to (iii) in para 2 of G.O No. 3232 Rev dt 12.10.1917 were fulfilled, as the land itself was liable to resumption for breach of the conditions with reference to para 2(iv) of the G.

The question arises as to whether the land itself can be resumed. The land was alienated to the sabha for use as the site of a building for the Sabha & as tennis and badminton Courts & a flower garden. According to condition (i) the land should be used for the above purposes and for no other purpose and under condition (iv) the Govt may resume the land wholly or in part if the land is not being used for the purposes mentioned & is used for other purposes. At the time of the alienation of land it was reported that the main object of the Sabha was to promote education of women by arranging lectures on subjects useful to Indian women and by conducting classes in English, History, Sewing and that the Sabha was intended specially for the benefit of grown up married women and widows who will not attend the school. Imparting of education to women was not specifically ~~included~~ mentioned as one

the purposes for which the land was alienated

. When the question of exemption of ground rent was raised by the ~~Club~~ Sabha, it is pointed out that its object was not that of a ladies club for recreation but that it was to supplement the efforts of Govt in the matter of women's education that the S - gave free education without levying fees from pupils. It was also pointed out that the members of the Sabha were not paying any subscription but were giving their honorary service for spreading education among the women & also to render help in local and charitable affairs The tennis and badminton courts were intended for the pupils and the workers'].

The present activities of the ~~the~~ Sabha are described in the Report of the Sabha for 1953-54. It will appear therefrom that a Library and a reading room are being maintained and that classes in Hindi, singing, needle work & cooking are held. Non-members are admitted to the classes 'on paying just a nominal fee fixed by the committee'. The Sabha is also now levying subscriptions from its members

It appears that the Sabha is ~~having~~ financially ~~embarrassed~~ and that there is now no need for continuing the exemption from payment of ~~land~~ ground rent that it is doubtful whether in the absence of any condition in the order of exemption ~~the~~

the exemption can be withdrawn now.

The Lahore charitable
educational work amounts
to a big dent
Expenditure on a female
girls education Rs 33-10-0
out of a sum of Rs 52-4-0
collected from members
Expenditure on needle
(including machine &
cooking class Rs 30-0-0
Needle work & cooking &
subscriptions Rs 28-1-0

Apparently no non-members
attend the Hindi
cooking classes

As regards
question whether Govt can
withdraw the exemption for
assessment legal view
may be taken

There can be little doubt that the Sabha is not now run on the lines which were originally reported. (It is an almost entirely a Social club
Members now pay subscriptions: in 1917 they did not. The tennis and badminton courts were in 1917 said to be intended for the pupils and workers, but in 1933-34 it would seem that they were used by the members, as games subscriptions were collected to an amount of Rs 249/- (were levied)

Expenditure on charitable or educational objects seem to have been negligible, and the Committee was able to carry over Rs 1,058/12/3 to the Balance sheet.

There is therefore no reason why the Sabha should hold the land free of assessment.

2 When however the exemption from payment of assessment was sanctioned in 1919, no conditions were imposed. It was simply stated that the Govt. were pleased to sanction the exemption from liability to G.R. of the land alienated to the Sabha in 1917 and 1918.

Unless therefore the land also can be resumed, I doubt whether the exemption from assessment can be cancelled.

3. It further seems doubtful whether the grant of land can be cancelled on the facts at present available.

The alienation was for use as the site of a building for the Sabha and as tennis and badminton courts and a flower garden.

No conditions re. carrying-on educational or charitable work were stipulated, and it can not be said that the site is not being used for the Sabha buildin and tennis courts etc.

It therefore does not appear that the Sabha can be said to have infringed the conditions on which the grant was made, as set out in the Government order sanctioning the alienation.

(Separate file grant) P.10

II The Ladies Club Manpalave

Please see the representation made by this Club on H.12-14 CF. As regards the P.S.G's letter on p.11 CF. As regards the request of the Club for about 1.8 cents of land this is apparently brought to the notice of the local officers to whom an application seems to have been made. Vide H on p.10 ante.

As regards the reduction of ground rent this request has been refused on previous occasions (i) in G.O. Ms. No. 1857 Rev. dt. 11.8.28 (Attention is invited to P.S.G's D.O. on p 19 of the

(ii) in G.O. Ms. 448 Rev. dt. 11.3.193

(iii) in P.O. 1138. Rev. dt. 29.5.33.

(Index & Volume of the Manual)

Campbell's remarks on H-33+34 of the G.O. cited also remain on the note on p. 11 ante

The Ladies club was prepared to pay ground rent at Rs 12-8-0 per acre. If of Rs 12-8-0 per acre i.e. ground rent is reduced to this figure the municipality which is at present being credited in the excess agricultural assessment - Rs 104-12-0 will get only Rs 1-8-0 The Municipality will lose about Rs 103-4-0. This not a serious loss - Vide P.S.G. Secy note 27 of P.O 1138 Rev. dt. 29.5.33

With reference to statement of the Ladies(Club Mangalore, which forms an enclosure to the D.O. from the P.S.G. at p. 11 CF the following is submitted:

With regard to the request for an extension of the premises an application seems to have been made to the local authorities, and will be disposed of in the usual course.

With regard to the request for a reduction of assessment the following is a history of this question:

the Club at present holds the land under a tenancy at will on payment of Rs 118/0 a year, and also subject to the condition that the Government will have to pay compensation for the buildings on the land in event of the land being resumed, ~~xxx~~ provision being made for the Govt. to resume the land without cause shewn, if deemed fit.

In Oct. 1927 th Club represented that the amount was very heavy.

It was then suggested that the Govt. should in this case adopt the usual course in such matters, and alienate the land subject to a ground rent of Rs 6/4 an acre, and the conditions of alienation usually imposed.

The Club was not willing to accept the conditions regarding the disposal of the buildings in the event of resumption, viz that they might be required to move the buildings or in the event of their failing to do so, the Govt. might remove them, and realise the cost of removal by the sale of the materials.

These are the conditions ordinarily imposed in the case of alienation of land, but the Honry. ~~Secy~~ Secy pointed out that ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ under the tenancy-at-will the Govt. had to pay the value of the buildings in the event of ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ determination of the tenancy, and ""the Club is not prepared to lose the benefit of

this condition by taking an alienation, which might at any time be resumed, and the grantee asked to remove the buildings"".

The Govt. therefore ordered that the existing tenancy at will should continue (G.O. 1859 Rev. dated 11.8.28.).

The matter came up again in 1933, and the Club was informed that if it wanted to have the rent reduced to a nominal figure the ordinary conditions of alienation should apply. (G.O. 448 Rev. dated 11.3.33.(.

The matter was raised again in July 1933 and it was considered that the Club could not have it both ways -- viz nominal or no ground rent and right to full compensation for all buildings, if the alienation was cancelled If it wanted the land subject to a low G.R., it must agree to the ordinary conditions of alienation.

It appears that the Club apprehended that under the new Constitution it might be ousted if it incurred the displeasure of a member of the Govt. and be merely given the option, under the ordinary conditions of alienation, of removing the buildings. (Vide Sir Archibald Campbell's minute on pp. 33-34 Flag Z.) After further consideration the Govt. stated that they were unable to reduce the rent from Rs 100/- an acre to Rs 12/- an acre.

If the Club wants a nominal rent, it must accept the ordinary conditions of alienation.

There is not the slightest reason why it should only pay a nominal rent and at the same time have the right to full compensation for all buildings in the event of resumption.

The apprehensions of the Club regarding the possibility of resumption for inadequate reasons out of malice are quite illusory. The ordinary

conditions of alienation provide for resumption in the following cases

(1) for infringement of any of the conditions of alienation

(2) if the land is required for a public purpose

(3) if the land is required for mining operations. The last contingency is extremely remote, ~~if~~ -- as also contingency (2) although the Govt. must have the right t resume if the land is essential. Contingency (1) rest entirely with the Club Committee.

There is thus ~~no possibility~~ no possibility of the Govt. ~~resuming~~ resuming the land merely ~~out~~ out of malice towards the members,

I would therefore suggest that the Club be definitely informed as above, and also that unless it agrees to ordinary alienation, the Govt. can not conside a reduction of G.R.

The position of the Mahila Sabha is really irrelevant to the issue -- although there see to be some rivalry between these two bodies.

The Club can well afford to pay Re.1 per cent. It is not a question of money but of prestige that the Club pays less. It is better to keep the two cases apart. I fancy that if the Mahila Sabha were made to pay the same rate the Ahmed Sahib will F.D. one of the matter

6.1.51 I attach a copy of my letter to Mr. Sreshta.

Madras,
17th January 1936.

Dear Mr. Sreshta,

The following is with reference to your letter of the 7/8th December 1935 with which you forwarded a statement relating to the Mangalore Ladies' Club. That statement contains the requests, first for grant of a portion of land, and second for reduction of rental to a nominal amount. As regards the first request, His Excellency understands that an application has already been made by the Club and will be dealt with by the local authorities in the usual course. As regards the second, His Excellency is informed that a similar request has been made and negatived by the local Government on more than one occasion already, and that the Club has been told that, if it wants the rental reduced to a nominal amount, it must accept the usual conditions of alienation. His Excellency regrets that he can see no reason to interfere with this decision, and would at the same time point out that the Club has really nothing to fear in accepting the ordinary conditions of alienation. Those conditions provide for resumption of the land by Government in three cases only; either

(a) for infringement of any of the conditions of alienation, or

(b) if the land is required for a public purpose, or

(c) if the land is required for mining operations.

Of these the last contingency (c) is extremely remote. So also is (b) which is only included because Government must have the right to resume the land, if essential. Contingency (a) rests entirely with the Club. There is thus no possibility of Government resuming the land out of caprice or malice, and His Excellency can see no reason why the Club should not

[From the Hony Secy. Mangalore Ladies club.]

To us

A separate file has been opened with necessary extracts from the notes in this file regarding the Mahila Sabha, Mangalore.

As regards the Mangalore Ladies' club. it is presumed that no further action is called for in view of D. S. G's letter re Sreshta a copy of which is at Pp 24-25 ante.

A copy of the annual report of the Ladies' club, since received, is at Pp 8-16 c/f. and is subd. for perusal No action seems called for on this report For orders whether the papers may be recorded.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Madras,
20th February 1936.

Rev. 853 F
22.2.36.

Dear Uzielli,

I am to send you for examination the enclosed further letter from Mr.M.S.Sreshta,M.L.C. regarding the Mangalore Ladies' Club.

Yours sincerely,

H.R.Uzielli Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St.George.

. SRESHTA. M. L. C.
BAR-AT-LAW. C. C. S. (RETD.)

INGLEDON.
KANKANADY P. O.,
MANGALOR

17- 2- 1936.

Dear Mr. Elwin,

42-2 (D) I thank you very much for your letter 1-352/35 of the 17th ultimo. In my conversation with you at the Legislative Council, I explained the reasons why the Ladies' Club feared that the land might be sought to be resumed. In view however of the last sentence of your letter, I have told the Club that it need not fear the resumption of the land out of caprice or malice.

6 wipe I annex a copy of the conditions of alienation. One of the conditions of alienation viz. (1) (c) provides that in the event of resumption of the land by the Government, the grantee may be directed to remove the buildings.

The Club still fears that, even though the land is not resumed capriciously, it may be thought that the buildings erected by the Club are not required for the purpose for

which the land is resumed and the buildings may be ordered to be removed, and that the Club would thereby suffer heavy loss as these buildings - apart from other improvements - have cost about Rs. 15,000/-.

The Club, therefore, requests that the term of the alienation referred to, viz. clause (1)(c) may be omitted, in its case

The Club has come to its present posi tion overcoming considerable difficulties and in spite of the unfair competition of the Mahila Sabha which purporting to be a charitable and Educational institution and securing more favourable terms from Government has now practically become a Club. In view of the useful work the Club has done all these years and its consistently loyal and constructive attitude it hopes that the request made in the last paragraph may receive favourable consideration.

The assessment of the land falls

SRESHTA, M. L. C.
ROW-LAW, C. C. S. (RETD.)

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INGLEDON
KANKANADY P. O.,
MANGALORE.

-3- It is on or before 31st March - vide Advt. 12 B(K)

due on or about the 15th March. The Club will be grateful if, pending the disposal of its request, instructions may be issued not to recover the assessment.

I take this opportunity of enclosing an extract from the last report of the Club published in the Madras Mail of the 11th instant.

Yours Sincerely,

M Seshla

D.H.Elwin,Esq.,I.C.S.,
Private Secretary to His
Excellency the Governor,
Government House,
M a d r a s.

30 Copy of Conditions of Alienation referred to

A grant of state land whether for public, religious, educational or other purposes should always contain the following conditions:-

1. If the land is not used for the specific purpose for which it was granted, or the conditions on which it was granted cease to be fulfilled, or if in the opinion of Government the land is required for a public purpose or for conducting mining operations, the Government may resume it, and in the event of such resumption if there are buildings on the land, the Government may at their option either -

(a) purchase the buildings
(b) allow the grantee to purchase the land at its value on the date of sale, or
(c) direct the grantee to remove the buildings.

2. In the event of the resumption of the land followed by purchase of the buildings under (1) (a) or in the event of the acquisition of the land for any other reason, the compensation payable therefor shall in no case exceed the amount, if any, paid to Government for the grant together with the initial cost or value at the time of resumption or acquisition, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other improvements effected on the land by the grantee in accordance with the terms of the grant. Where the grantee is directed to remove the buildings under (1) (c), the value, if any, paid for the grant shall be refunded to him.

3. In the event of the grantee refusing to remove the buildings when so directed the Government may remove them and realise the cost of removal by the sale

4. In the event of the voluntary relinquishment of the land by the grantee no compensation shall be payable for any improvements that may have been effected or other works that may have been executed on the land by the grantee.

DEPARTMENT

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. *Name of Paper*—

2. *Published at*—

3. *Dated*—

Extract from the Madras Mail of 11th Feb 1936

MANGALORE LADIES' CLUB

A Year's Successful Activities

(From a Correspondent)

MANGALORE, Feb. 9.

At the annual general meeting of the Mangalore Ladies' Club held under the presidency of Mrs. N. Venkata Rao, the report, read by the honorary Secretary (Mrs. M. S. Sreshta), was adopted.

The following are extracts from the report, which is a record of successful activities:

"The Club's accounts for the year opened with a balance of Rs. 416-3-7 and closed with a balance of Rs. 417-4-5. But for the Government grant of Rs. 200, donations and sale proceeds of exhibits the finances of the Club would have been poor. We hope, therefore, that the Government will come to our help by exempting us from paying the annual ground rent and thus recognizing the good work done by the Club.

"Begum Mir Amiruddin, one of our members, was unanimously elected President of the District Girl Guide Association. Mrs. M. S. Sreshta, the honorary Secretary, was a recipient of the Silver Jubilee Medal. She is the first lady in South Kanara District on whom such honour has been conferred by Government. She has been reappointed a member of the University Extension Board, Mangalore, honorary lady visitor to the Mangalore Sub-Jail and member of the District Secondary Education Board.

HOSPITALS LIBRARY SERVICE

On New Year's Day the patients of the Wenlock, Lady Goschen and Kankanady Hospitals and inmates of the Sub-Jail were given fruits and sweets. The Club collected and distributed 426 magazines to the three hospitals in the town. Our sincere thanks are due to our sympathetic Collector, Mr. E. M. Gawne, the Mangalore Municipal Council, the Editor of Navayuga, Mrs. G. Someshekar Rao, Mrs. N. Venkat Rao and the Saraswathi Printing Press for sending us their periodicals.

"During the course of the year the following presented cups to the Club: Mrs. S. M. Syed Mahomed, wife of a leading Batkal Merchant of Mangalore, trophy for badminton; Mr. M. Basappa, vice-President of the Mercara Municipal Council, tennikoit; Mrs. P. Siddamma; Mrs. B. Sitaram Rao for bagatelle; and Mrs. M. S. Sreshta for chess. We tender our thanks to the donors.

"The Club has also received gifts and donations from Mrs. B. Anantha Rao, Mrs. N. Venkat Rao, Mrs. P. R. Srinivasan, Mrs. Mathilda Pais and the Codialboil Press. We thank them all.

LADY MARJORIE ERSKINE'S VISIT

"Lady Marjorie Erskine graciously visited us on October 15. She wrote the following remarks in the Visitors' book: 'I enjoyed my visit this morning to the Ladies' Club immensely. Judging by the charming entertainment, there must be a lot of talent in Mangalore and the friendly atmosphere of the Club made me feel at home at once. I congratulate the Committee very much and wish the Club every possible success.'

"The members of the Club were well represented on the Royal Silver Jubilee Committee and conducted the work in an able manner.

"The Club collected nearly Rs. 2,000 for the Viceroy's Quetta Fund.

"At the flower, fruit and vegetable show the Club was awarded a silver plate, the donor being the Collector, Mr. E. M. Gawne. The members won cups and prizes also in the other sections.

"At the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, the exhibits sent by the Club members were awarded nine gold medals and many other prizes.

"Considerable work has been done to make the Club more useful.

"Miss Dorothy Pais, now Mrs. John D'Sa was married on December 30, and her wedding party was held at the Club. Mr. D'Sa said that he first came to know of his bride from an account in the newspaper of her success in the tennis tournament at the Club. On the same day another tennis player, Miss Dorothy Peters, now Mrs. George C. Peters, was married in Kuala Lumpur.

"Mrs. G. P. Lobo died on Nov. 6 and the Club lost a very enthusiastic worker and sympathiser in her. Another sad loss to the Club was the death on Nov. 21 of Mrs. N. S. Coelho who had played a great part in starting the Club."

ELECTIONS

After the annual accounts were passed the following were elected to the managing committee: President: Mrs. N. Venkata Rao; Vice-President: Mrs. G. Neri; Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Sreshta; Members: Mrs. Bachut Rao, Mrs. B. F. Lobo, Mrs. B. Anantha Rao, Mrs. A. C. Mascarenhas, Mrs. N. Srinivasa Rao, Mrs. S. Pais, Mrs. Ugappa Shetty, Mrs. A. F. Coelho and Mrs. A. Doraiswami.

To ws

From W.D. Please see letter D.O. and their enclosures from Mr Pauls

Mr Shastri has stated that the Mamalore Ladies club would be willing to accept the usual conditions of alienation ~~of condition~~ 1(c) of the conditions of alienation ~~are~~ enclosed, is omitted. If this is done, condition (3) at p. 35 ~~(above)~~ also automatically goes.

To point a check to the construction of any other building on the land, it would seem desirable to impose further conditions prohibiting the construction of any other building without the previous permission of the Collr and the consequent addition with reference to G.O. no 2422 Rev of 4-X-35.

The points for consideration are whether the condition 1(c) in the conditions of alienation should be omitted as required by the club. By retaining this condition we do not need not fear that the Govt will exercise

This contingency is extremely remote and such instances do not appear to have happened so far. In the circumstances it is submitted that there is no special reason why the Bangalore Ladies' Club should be given a concession in the matter of the conditions to be imposed.

~~For Orders~~ The club request that pending order on its request for the omission of clause (c) 1 (c) ante, instructions may be issued not to recover the ground rent the amount involved is Rs 118- It will be seen from the ~~For orders~~ proceedings ante that the club's accounts for the year (1935) opened with a balance of Rs 416-3-) & closed with a balance of Rs 417-4-5- It is for consideration & orders whether the club's request should be acceded to

Attention is invited to para

D.O from P.S.G. ante

We have to state

of duration com-

mencing from 1st April

Yours

Secretary

Bangalore Ladies Club Ltd

Bangalore

G.O. 2733 Rev. Dy. 13.11.35 in which the conditions of alienation were revised is sent us at Flag (L). The revised conditions are in the appendix to the G.O at pp 26-29 of (4). In the revised conditions also a condition has been provided to direct the grantee to remove the buildings in the event of resumption of the land when the same is required for a public purpose or for conducting mining operations - Cont'd

2. The Collector recommends the issue of Ladies' club with the G.Os (4)

The conditions of alienation were revised in G.O.No.2733 dated 13-11-1935 to make it quite clear that the Government will not be liable (even if they did not want to order the removal of the buildings) for the payment of compensation in the event of resumption for breach of conditions.

It may be observed that the present practice is to grant lands to clubs by licences. Please see the notes in Memo. No.611-F-36, dated 24-2-1936 and the papers referred to therein. The licence may be revoked at will and the licensee is

not entitled to any compensation in respect of buildings etc. Please see condition 15 at pages 23-2 of G.O.No.2775 dated 20-11-1935. The request now mad was made previously when the club was asked if it was willing to have the lands alienated to it subject to the payment of ground rent at Rs.6-4-0 and subject to the usual conditions of alienation. - Please see the letter at pages 17-18 of G.O.No.1859, dated 11-8-1928. The Collector was opposed to the grant of the request and so was the Board of Revenue, and it was turned dow

The case was discussed at length in Secretary' note at pages 38-40 of G.O.No.252 dated 5-2-1936 and there is no reason to reconsider the decision then taken.

I think that there is no reason to grant this Ladies' Club any exceptional treatment.

2. The proposal now made would have the result if accepted, that the Government would be bound to pay compensation for the buildings, even if the grant was revoked for a breach of the conditions of the grant. There is not the slightest reason why the Government should put themselves into the position of having to buy buildings which they probably do not require when the body in question violates the conditions of the grant.

3. Moreover, as pointed out by the Under Secretary, the land required by most Clubs now is not alienated, but only granted on licence Clause 15 of the form of licence provides for the revocation of the licence on 6 months' notice

and definitely provides that no compensation will be paid for buildings etc on the land.

The Ladies' Club at Bellary holds its land on such terms.

If the land on which the Mangalore Ladies' Club stands is alienated to the Club, they will be in a far safer condition than many other Clubs, as the grant will only be revokable on (i) breach of conditions (ii) if the land is required for a public purpose or for mining operations. The grant will not be revokable at will.

If therefore the Club wants a lower rate of rent, they must accept the ordinary conditions on which land is alienated to such bodies.

We similar Clubs that I know of Charge fants on similar conditions & I do not think that we should make an exception in this case. The Club has really no claim to Clem.

It is stated that a reply has been sent to Mr Sreshta in the matter and no further action

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also called for on Mr Deshmukh's letter
dt 5.3.76 since received at 4.15 p.m.
The papers may be lodged and
clubbed with G.O. 252 Rev dt 5.2.73

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Mangalore Ladies Club

Sir,

With reference to the conversation I had with you this morning, may I request you to be so good as to issue instructions to defer the collection of the assessment due, pending the disposal of the application made to His Excellency the Governor through his Private Secretary & have one of the conditions of the lease of alienation deleted

As demand for the assessment has been made already, I request that a telegram might be sent to the Collector of South Kanara on the subject

I am, Sir
Your obedient servant
M S Mulshala

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
7 - MAR 1936
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Dear Mr Uzielli

In continuation of my letter on the subject, I find that according to the lease deed the ground rent is Rs 2-4 annas + Rs 1-4 annas due on or before the 31st March of each year. I shall be much obliged if the Collector of South Kanara is informed at once to keep in abeyance the collection of the rent until the question of the deletion of condition 1 (c) of the above lease deed

Yours sincerely

M S Sresha